

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ADP-00 CAB-09 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00

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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3985

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: ETRN, XN, XT, CZ

SUBJ: CIVAIR- NORTH ATLANTIC AIR FARES

REF: ( A) PRAGUE 501, ( B) STATE 043988, ( C) STATE 040688

1. EMBASSY CONVEYED MESSAGES CONTAINED IN REFTELS ( B) AND ( C)  
TO CZECHOSLOVAK CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION ( CAA) ON MAR 13.

2. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION, CAA OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED FOLLOWING  
POINTS:

A. CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE BELIEVED THAT TARIFF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED  
BY CSA WOULD BE PROFITABLE TO BOTH CARRIERS AND HAD PROVIDED  
DETAILED ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION TO CAB IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY  
MARCH.

B. TO BEST CAA KNOWLEDGE, HOWEVER, CAB HAD FOUND CSA PROPOSALS  
" UNSATISFACTORY" ON GROUNDS OF LACK OF PROFITABILITY, BUT US SIDE  
HAD NOT PROVIDED ANY FIGURES TO SUPPORT THIS.

C. CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE COULD NOT ACCEPT  
PAA APEX PROPOSALS FOR " PRACTICAL" REASONS. ( CAA OFFICIALS  
ADMITTED THAT VAST MAJORITY OF CSA PASSENGERS SIMPLY COULD NOT MAKE  
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS NINETY DAYS IN ADVANCE BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY  
OF HAVING TRAVEL DOCUMENTS THAT FAR IN ADVANCE.)

D. CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE STRONGLY FAVORS MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND  
IS WILLING TO WORK FOR MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO PROBLEM.

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E. BECAUSE OF PRESS OF TIME, A TRANSITIONAL SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO COVER 1973 PEAK SEASON. WHILE CAA WAS NOT MAKING FORMAL PROPOSAL OR COMMITMENT TO THIS EFFECT, IT SEEMED THAT MAINTENANCE OF 1972 AIR FARE LEVELS THROUGH OCTOBER 1973 MIGHT PROVIDE THE NECESSARY BREATHING SPACE UNTIL A DEFINITE SOLUTION COULD BE WORKED OUT.  
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